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STATE FIRE SAFETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 15, 2017

Members Present

John Enkemann, Representing the Registered Architects
Donald Hicks, Representing the Chemical Manufacturing Industry
Amy Hodgson, Representing the School Board Members/Administrators
Mark Jensen, Representing the Liquefied Petroleum/Flammable Compressed Gas Industry
Paul Korte, Representing the Nursing Home Industry
Andrew Lenaghan, Representing the Fire Departments in the Lower Peninsula
Kassandra Renneberg, Representing Public Assemblages
Ron Sabin, Representing the Fire Departments in the Lower Peninsula
Kevin Sehlmeier, Ex-officio, State Fire Marshal/Bureau of Fire Services

Members Absent

Lynn Artman, Representing the Professional Engineers
Julie Bulson, Representing the Hospital Administrations
Jeffrey Green, Representing the Fire Departments in the Upper Peninsula
David Henry, Representing the Owners of Adult Foster Care Facilities
Greg Herman, Representing the Building Trades
Dave Piche, Representing the Fire Departments in the Lower Peninsula
Mike Powers, Representing the Licensed Electrical Contractors
John Wozniak, Representing the Flammable Liquids Industry

Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Personnel

Cathy Carson, LARA/BFS, Executive Secretary to the Board

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

The State Fire Safety Board meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. Chair Lenaghan asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Lenaghan requested a moment of silence for Comstock Fire Chief, Ed Switalski and advised of the emergency exiting procedures. Roll call was taken by Board Secretary Cathy Carson and determined that a quorum was present. Chair Lenaghan welcomed everyone and introductions were made by the board members.

Agenda

Chair Lenaghan requested any additions, deletions or changes to the agenda.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Renneberg to approve the agenda for Thursday, June 15, 2017. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Board Member Sabin. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Disposition of Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Enkemann to approve the minutes for Thursday, March 16, 2017. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Board Member Jensen. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Comments

None

Bureau of Fire Services Report (BFS)

General

State Fire Marshal (SFM) Sehlmeier reported on his recent interviews with the media and his goal to inform citizens about the BFS and its mission to provide for the protection of persons and property from exposure to the dangers of fire through inspection and fire prevention and to serve the training needs of over 30,000 firefighters in the State of Michigan. SFM Sehlmeier also shared during his interview with Joe LaFurgey, of Grand Rapids Wood TV8, that in 2016 there were a total of 116 fatal fires, 99 of which were residential in the state of Michigan.

Fires are reported monthly through National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). SFM Sehlmeier shared that since January 1, 2017, there have been a total of 3,994 residential fires reported (3,079 residential fires in the first quarter and 915 residential fires in the second quarter), as well as 32 civilian deaths and 46 firefighters injured in residential fires. While the data has not yet been recorded for May 2017, SFM Sehlmeier shared that it was a deadly month for fires. In comparison, there were 116 people that lost their life to residential fires in 2016. According to a survey conducted by the Hartford Insurance company, 1 in 8 Americans have experienced a home fire.

SFM Sehlmeier shared that he wants to promote more educational programs throughout Michigan as a way to get firefighters and residents thinking about fire safety and how it impacts all lives.

Fireworks

SFM Sehlmeier reported that consumer fireworks retail sales certificates sales are down for 2017. Also, there will be no delegation of fireworks inspections this year. The fireworks inspections will be done by BFS staff.

Legislative Update

Senate Bill (SB) 264 to amend the Firefighters Training Council Act, Public Act (PA) 291 of 1966: This bill is currently sitting in committee. There are concerns with the bill as it speaks to the SFM regulations of training fire investigators.

SB 265 to amend the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, PA 256 of 2011: This bill would require the Department of Treasury to spend funds from the Fireworks Safety Fund. Specifically, 100% of the money received from the testing and training fee proposed by Senate Bill 264 for the training of firefighters under the direction and approval of the Firefighters Training Council. This bill is currently sitting in committee.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Board Comments

Board Member Sabin questioned why school aged children are being sent outdoors in the case of an emergency. Per PA 207 of 1941, the Fire Prevention Code, schools are to ensure that there are unrestricted emergency exits for the children to get out however, it doesn't state that they have to leave the building.

Board Member Jensen questioned whether or not the cancer presumption bill has been funded. SFM Sehlmeier shared that the cancer presumption bill is now funded.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 21, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., at 3101 Technology Blvd., Suite H, Lansing, MI.

Adjourn

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Renneberg and **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Board Member Enkemann to adjourn the meeting at 1:48 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approved


Chair, State Fire Safety Board

9/23/17
Date

ANDREW R. LENAGHAN
Printed Name of State Fire Safety Board Chair